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THE JEFFERSON TO BE REBUILT.

Richmond is to be congratulated upon the fact that the Jefferson Hotel is to be rebuilt. It was a severe blow to our capital city when this famous hostelry was destroyed by fire, and its rebuilding will not only bring joy to the hearts of the people of Richmond, but all Virginians will rejoice as well. It is particularly fitting that the Jefferson should be rebuilt by Richmond citizens, whose pride in its noble proportions is just and proper, and that the new Jefferson will eclipse the old in equipment and splendor. This patriotic, public spirited resolve means much to Richmond, not only on account of the advantages that a splendid hotel gives any city, but because it will re-establish the confidence of the public in Richmond's ability to surmount a calamity and a disaster such as the Jefferson fire was. The only wonder is that with the many public spirited men of Richmond the matter was allowed to rest for four years, until the impression had gone abroad that the residents of the capital city of the Confederacy had lost that sturdy fortitude with which they met and annihilated well nigh insurmountable difficulties forty years ago, and erected a great and beautiful city on the ashes of their devastated homes.

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It is said the Beef Trust will use every effort to defeat Congressman Martin, of South Dakota; the Standard Oil Company will oppose Congressman Campbell, of Kansas, and the Steel Trust will look after the defeat of Congressman Little, all because they wanted these great trusts investigated. These constituents of these gentlemen should see to it that they are not defeated because of their opposition to trusts. What the country needs in the House and Senate is men who are not afraid of trusts.

The underhanded effort to injure Col. Willard's candidacy for Governor will no doubt strengthen rather than weaken him. Virginians will not endorse trickery, and will not be influenced by it. It is hoped that no competitor of the Colonel had anything to do with getting up or sending out the slips.

Admiral Rojestvensky's fleet has been recalled by the Russian authorities, and some keen-eyed people can see peace in the recall, but others are of opinion that the Russians feared something would hurt it if it ventured too far.

Bangor, Maine, has a Democratic Mayor, who was elected Monday. The city will have to put on her best attire on inauguration day as this is the first Democratic executive the city has had for fifty years.

If Mr. Roosevelt gets Mr. Hay out of the cabinet, it will be a bad day for the President.

THAT COLLECTORSHIP

Will Deyer Get It?—He is Said to be Backed by John S. Wise.

A report is current in Washington that R. O. Deyer, deputy collector of internal revenue for the Richmond District, is to be made collector in the place of Capt. Lee Rogers, who is to be asked to step down and out. Though the story is not officially confirmed, it is believed that Deyer will be appointed. He was in Washington some days ago and remained for a day or two.

It has been known that Capt. Rogers would be made to go the way of Treat, Agnew, et al. Some have thought Mr. Treat would be appointed to the place held by Capt. Rogers, as the President said he would take care of the external but Deyer probably has the inside track.

It is stated that John S. Wise, of New York, is backing Deyer for the position.

TO ROUSE REPUBLICANS

Chairman Siemp Favors Candidates For Every Office.

Ransom Siemp, new chairman of the State Republican committee, says: "We are going to make a nomination for every office on the State ticket, and we are going to wage a campaign that will show that the Republicans mean business. The convention will have to decide whether candidates shall be put up for the Senate and House. I favor it, and hope we can arouse the party all over the State."

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RUSSIANS DRIVEN FROM THE PASS

Japs Sweep Enemy From Last Stronghold in Southern Manchuria.

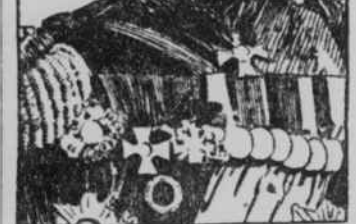
KUROPATKIN AGAIN IN FLIGHT

Fleeing Army Is Attacked Above Tie Pass and Line of Retreat is Threatened—May Have to Cut His Way Out or Surrender—General Linevitch to Succeed General Kuropatkin.

General Kuropatkin and the remnants of the army which was defeated by the Japanese on the Shakhe and Hun rivers and again around Mukden and Tie Pass, are now in the southern entrance to the pass trying to shake off their pursuers, who apparently are not going to repeat the mistake of Liao Yang and allow the Russian army to escape. Kuropatkin has been reinforced by the garrisons of Tieling and other northern towns and a few new troops, who were on their way from Russia when the battle of Mukden began. But even with these there seems little hope for him. True, he has some 30 or 40 miles of hilly country, extending from Tie Pass to Fenghuashan, which might enable him to hold off the enemy for a time, but once out of the hills he has before him nearly 300 miles of flat, open country and innumerable rivers and streams to cross. This is what is termed the Great Valley of the Sumari, but in fact an immense plain, bounded on the east by high mountains and extending northward into Siberia and westward into Mongolia. Kirin, east of the railway, and Harbin, the most northerly point on the railway where it branches off to Vladivostok eastward, and to Siberia westward, are the centres of this wonderfully rich country, resembling in many respects the northwest territories of Canada.

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LEUTENANT GENERAL LINEVITCH.

Linevitch Succeeds Kuropatkin. St. Petersburg, March 17.—It is officially announced that General Kuropatkin will be replaced by General Linevitch as commander-in-chief of the Manchurian army.

Japs Cut the Railroad. London, March 17.—A St. Petersburg dispatch to the Times gives unconfirmed reports that the Russians sustained a severe reverse at Tie Pass, involving the abandonment of their remaining artillery, and that the Japanese have cut the railway north of Changtzu, 40 miles above Tie Pass.

Battle North of Tie Pass.

Santoupi, eight miles north of Tie Pass, Manchuria, March 17.—The Russians have abandoned their advanced positions on the Fan river, where the desperate attack of the Japanese (on March 14) was repulsed, and have fallen back upon the defenses at Tie Pass. Previous to the retirement the supplies of wood, etc., collected there were set on fire.

A desperate, bloody battle is now raging north of Tie Pass.

Japs In Hot Pursuit.

Tokio, March 17.—The Japanese occupied Tie Pass at midnight March 15. Details of the occupation of Tie Pass have not yet been received at Imperial army headquarters. An official bulletin reports the action and that the Japanese are in hot pursuit of the retreating Russians, but it does not mention any particulars about the fight.

RUSSIANS' POSITION CRITICAL.

Kuropatkin May Have to Cut His Way Out or Surrender.

St. Petersburg, March 17.—With the evacuation of Tie Pass Wednesday night the Russian army abandoned the last stronghold in Southern Manchuria and definitely turned over the section to the Japanese for the campaign of 1905. At least no other strategy is possible for General Kuropatkin. In view of his scanty supplies of ammunition and stores, and the wide enveloping movements which the Japanese have continued almost without stop since the Russian defeat at Mukden. Nothing has been heard of the part which General Kawamura's army is taking in these operations, but Generals Nogai and Oku, operating in the low hills of the Tie Pass gorge, were themselves sufficient to turn the shattered Russian army out of the fortifications which had been prepared with a view to being held by the army after it should have been withdrawn from Mukden.

Field Marshal Oyama is striking another blow at the defeated Russian army. In spite of the exhaustion of his forces after the long 12-day struggle for Mukden he has been able to organize a fresh turning movement in the hope of completing the victory won under the walls of Mukden.

Tuesday's attack upon the Russian advance line at the Fan river, it is now evident, was only a feint while Japanese columns were being worked around to get in position to fall upon the Russian rear, and Wednesday's blow was struck, a dispatch to the Associated Press from Santoupi bringing to St. Petersburg the first word that a battle was in progress north of the Tie Pass.

That General Kuropatkin was taken by surprise is a fair inference from the manner in which Tuesday night he abandoned the Fan river positions, leaving so hurriedly that he again was obliged to burn his stores to prevent them from falling into the hands of the Japanese.

With the Japanese in behind the Russian army at Tie Pass, General Kuropatkin's position is extremely critical. Once the Japanese are across his rear in force, Kuropatkin would have to cut his way out or surrender.

The Japanese evidently are doing their utmost to accomplish the envelopment of the Russian army, which all

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